

REMARKS/ARGUMENT

Claims 12-16 are allowed.

Claims 3-4, 6-7, 9, 19, 21-22 (which depend from Claims 5, 8 and 13, respectively), are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 5, 8 and 18 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 3 and 4 of copending Application No. 11/105,755 (Patent 7,561,618).

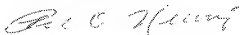
Applicants submit herewith a timely filed Terminal Disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) to overcome the double-patenting rejection based on copending Application No. 11/105,755 (Patent 7,561,618). Accordingly, the obviousness-type double patenting rejection of Claims 5, 8 and 18 is overcome.

In light of the above, Claims 3-4, 5, 6-8, 9, 18, 19, 21-22 stand allowable. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of the application at the earliest possible date.

An amendment after a final rejection should be entered when it will place the case either in condition for allowance or in better form for appeal. 37 C.F.R. 1.116; MPEP 714.12. This amendment places the case in condition for allowance.

Claims 12-16 are allowed. Claims 3-4, 5, 6-8, 9, 18, 19, 21-22 are allowable for the reasons set forth above. Applicants respectfully request allowance of the application as the earliest possible date.

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